Investment by Israeli company on 100 per cent basis

2069. SHRI YERRA NARAYANA-SWAMY: Willi the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Andhra Pradesh Govern, ment has soug'ht permission for foreign Investnient on 100 per cent basis with an Israeli company named M/s. B.H.C. Company, Israel;

(b) the stage of processing of this application at present;

(c) when will this application be cleared; and

(d) the reasons for delay in granting clearance?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN); (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) The approval has already been granted to the company.

Delicesing *of* industries from the purview of the Indusitres (Development and Regulation) Act

2070. DR. ALLADI P. RAJKUMAR; Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have recently decided to delicence certain Industries from the purview of Industries (Development and Regulation) Act and also given sweeping powers to the "Navratna" public sector enterprises;

(b) if so, the details of these proposals; and

(c) the criteria followed while selecting the "Navratna" enterprises and the significance of "Navratna" enterprises?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN): (a; and (b) Yes, Sir. The Government have delicensed, vide Press Note No. 11 (1997 Seriei) dated nth luly, 1997, five indus-triies, namely^ (i) Animal fats and Oils; (ii) Tanned or dressed fur skins, chamois leather; (iii) Asbestos and asbestos-base products; (iv) Plywood, veneers of all types and other wood based products such as particle board, medium density fibre board/block board; and (v) Paper and newsprint except bagasse based units.

Navratna enterprises have been granted enhanced financial and managerial autonomy and operational freedom to enable them to become global giants.

(c) The criteria for selecting the enterprises included factors like size, per-formance, future prospects, potential to become global giants, etc. The benefits accruing to these nine enterpri^ies include suibsSantially enhanced financiiaJ powers and greater operational freedom.

Slow, down in the produlcftion of Passenger cars

2071. SHRI VAYALAR RAVI: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that automobile productions especially the passenger cars have came down;

(b) if so, to what extent, details of last thee years; and

(c) the reasons for reductions in pro-ductions?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

उत्तर प्रदेश के औद्योगिकरण हेतु सरकार के प्रयास

2072. **श्री ईश दत्त यादव :** क्या आयोग मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि **:**

(क) केन्द्र सरकार राज्य के विशेषकर उद्योग रहित जिलों और ब्लाकों के औद्यौगिकरण हेतु उत्तर प्रदेश सरकार द्वारा किये जा रहे हैं प्रयासों का किस प्रकार समर्थन और उनकी सम्पूर्ति कर रही है, तत्संबंध ब्यौरा क्या है **;**